

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the last paragraph on page 20 of the substitute specification as follows:

-- The objective lens plate 18 is attached to the quarter-wave plate 17 by bonding or the like while it is in a state wherein a lower face 1806 contacts with an upper face 1704 ~~1074~~ without a gap left therebetween such that the lengthwise directions and the widthwise directions of these parts coincide with each other. --

Please amend the first paragraph on page 21 of the substitute specification as follows:

-- The slider 19 is formed as a rectangular plate having a length, a width and a thickness and is made of a material through which light can pass, for example, a glass material, having a thickness ~~thinness~~ of 50 μm or more. In the present embodiment, the slider 19 is formed such that the widthwise dimension thereof is smaller than the dimension of the objective lens plate 18 in the widthwise direction. --